

July 21, 2008

TO: Missoulian and Daily Interlake

RE: Notice of Revised Application and Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment for the RC Resources Rock Creek Evaluation Adit Project in Sanders County

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the legal publication section of your newspaper in the next three Sunday editions, July 26, August 2, and August 9.

## Legal Notice

Notice of Revised Application and Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment for the RC Resources Rock Creek Evaluation Adit Project in Sanders County

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a revised Evaluation Adit Plan requested by RC Resources, Inc (RCR) for the Rock Creek Project.

The approved Rock Creek Evaluation Adit Plan has been modified by RCR to address final design changes, provide an alternate water disposal method, lessen environmental impacts, and to satisfy stipulations in the Record of Decision.

The DEQ must decide whether to approve the modified Evaluation Adit Plan as proposed, deny the request for a modified Evaluation Adit Plan, or approve the Evaluation Adit Plan with modifications. The DEQ has decided to approve the Evaluation Adit Plan as proposed as the preliminary preferred alternative. This is not a final decision. This conclusion may change based on comments received from the public on the Draft EA, new information, or new analysis that may be needed in preparing the Final EA.

The Draft EA is tiered to a 2001 environmental impact statement and evaluates impacts of the modifications to the approved Evaluation Adit

Plan. The EA is available on the DEQ website at <a href="http://deq.mt.gov/ea/hardrock.asp">http://deq.mt.gov/ea/hardrock.asp</a>.

Public comments concerning the adequacy and accuracy of the Draft EA will be accepted until August 20, 2008. Please send comments on the EA to <a href="mailto:deqrockcreekea@mt.gov">deqrockcreekea@mt.gov</a>.

Copies of the Draft EA can be obtained by writing DEQ, Environmental Management Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620, c/o Herb Rolfes, or calling (406) 444-3841; or sending email addressed to hrolfes@mt.gov.

To expedite payment, please send your <u>invoice</u> , <u>original tear sheet</u> , <u>and</u> <u>affidavit of publication</u> to DEQ at the address above to the attention of Laura Turner. Please indicate that the bill applies to Doc #
Thank you.
Sincerely,
Herb Rolfes Operating Permit Section Supervisor
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